

Application No.: 09/936,169

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**REMARKS**

This amendment is timely filed, without need for any further extensions of time because of the three-month extension of time and Notice of Appeal filed on September 17, 2004.

Claims 6 and 14-17 remain pending in this application. Claims 6 and 14-17 are independent. Claims 1-5 and 7-13 have been canceled by this amendment, without prejudice or disclaimer. No claims have been added or amended by this amendment.

Claims 6 and 14-17 were previously amended into independent form in reliance upon the indication of allowable subject matter.

**Unpatentability Rejection over Beaty et al. and Wagner et al.**

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-5 and 7-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Beaty et al. (US 5,727,943) in view of Wagner et al. (US 5,897,319) is requested.

These claims have been canceled, thus rendering their rejection moot.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants note with appreciation that dependent claims 6 and 14-17 are allowable, after being rewritten in independent form in the previous amendment.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims 6 and 14-17 in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this supplemental amendment after final rejection, and to pass this application to issue.

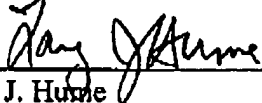
In the event that the Examiner believes that an interview would serve to resolve any remaining issues in this application, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number indicated below.

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Although no fees are believed to be due, for any fees that are due with this response, please charge CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21547-00280-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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